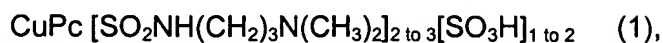


## In the Claims

**1. (currently amended)** A liquid preparation of a paper dye comprising

a) 15 to 50% by weight of the dye of the formula



in which

CuPc represents copper phthalocyanine, or the alkali metal salt of (1),

b) ~~5 to 15~~ 8 to 12% by weight of  $\epsilon$ -caprolactam,

c) ~~1 to 8~~ 2 to 5% by weight of formic acid,

d) ~~1 to 7~~ 4 to 6% by weight of benzyl alcohol,

e) 0 to 3% by weight of a lower aliphatic organic acid,

f) 0 to 5% by weight of an inorganic salt and

g) water, to complete to 100% by weight.

**2. (original)** A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1, comprising 20 to 30% by weight of the dye of the formula (1).

**3-5. (canceled)**

**6. (previously presented)** A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1, comprising 0 to 1% by weight of a lower aliphatic organic acid.

**7. (previously presented)** A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1, comprising 0.5 to 3% by weight of an inorganic salt.

**8. (previously presented)** A process for the preparation of a liquid dye preparation according to claim 1 comprising mixing the components a) to g) together.

**9. (canceled)**

**10. (canceled)**

**11. (previously presented)** A method of dyeing paper comprising contacting in the pulp or applying to a paper surface the liquid paper dye preparation according to claim 1.

**12. (previously presented)** A paper article dyed with the paper dye preparation according to claim 1.